American Baptist Publication + Sunday School Society

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Bible and Publication Society:

Your Board gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of giving you an account of their stewardship for the past year. We freely acknowledge it to be both your right and duty to hold us to a strict account. The tendency of the present time is to throw responsibility upon others, without taking the proper means of knowing whether or not those responsibilities are faithfully discharged. Corporations, in both the secular and religious world, commit all their interests to Boards, and the Boards in turn to officers, without fully and constantly acquainting themselves with the manner in which their stewards have managed the trusts committed to their care. This is unwise and often leads to ruin.

The Bible and Publication Society is now an organization of vast and varied interests. It should annually take the time and means, necessary to inform itself fully, whether these interests are managed in the best manner. And your Board in making this, their Fiftieth Report, suggest to the Society the propriety of thoroughly investigating the past and present management, and of fully maturing the work that shall be attempted in the future, with the means requisite for its accomplishment. If the time allotted to the Anniversary exercises does not admit of a proper examination, then we suggest the propriety of appointing an able Committee who shall report next year.

We had hoped to distinguish this Jubilee Year, by increasing the sales to $350,000 at least; the Missionary Receipts to $100,000; and by raising in addition $125,000 for building purposes. The first aim has been nearly realized. The sales fall short, only $6,581.62 of

the amount sought. They probably would, with the effort made, have reached $400,000, had the business of the country generally been ordinarily good. In the Missionary receipts, we fall short some $29,000 of the sum we aimed to reach. This was occasioned by the financial panic that overtook the country about the middle of the Society's fiscal year. We rejoice however, that the $125,000 sought for the erection of a new building was secured. Success in this effort, amid the existing financial distress, is an event that may well lead us to thank God and take courage.

RECEIPTS OF THE YEAR.

The receipts in the Business department, are $343,418 38. The receipts in the Missionary department, are $70,899.88. On the new Building Fund, $16,536.67 were paid in previous to the close of the fiscal year March 1, 1874; making a grand total of $430,854.93 as the receipts for the Society's fiftieth year.

PUBLICATIONS.

During the year, the Society added to its list, thirty-five new publications, of which it printed 59,600 copies. It also printed of former publications 129,700 copies of books, and 83,000 copies of tracts. Of periodicals, there have been printed during the year, 4,500 copies of the BAPTIST QUARTERLY; 407,396 copies of NATIONAL BAPTIST; 408,000 copies of the BAPTIST TEACHER; 2,352,000 copies of BIBLE LESSON LEAFLETS; 3,564,522 copies of the YOUNG REAPER; and 1,072,000 copies of OUR LITTLE ONES.

The total issues of the year, are equal to 330,813,542 pages, 18mo.

The total issues since the Society's organization are 46,504,387 copies of books, tracts, periodicals, &c., equal to 3,314,249,266 pages 18mo.

The total number of publications on the Catalogue March 1, 1874, was 1136.

The following is the list of the publications issued during the year:

WHAT IS HER NAME? or, THE BENEVOLENT JEW. 16mo., 224 pp.
BLACK DIAMONDS; or, THE CURIOSITIES OF COAL. 16mo., 320 pp.
RAVENSWOOD LIBRARY. 5 vols., 32mo., each 64 pp.

RAVENSWOOD.
MARJORIE'S WORK.
LOST AND SAVED.
LITTLE SAMARITAN.
BESSIE BALDWIN'S STORY.

Clark's Notes on Matthew. 12mo., 240 pp.
Baptism and Baptisteries. 18mo., 170 pp.
Normal Class Manual. 16mo., 250 pp.
Early Baptists of Virginia. 12mo., 246 pp.
Our Little Ones, 1873. Sq. 16mo., 196 pp.
Cheap Baptist Hymn and Tune Book. 12mo., 438 pp.
The Baptists: Who they Are, and What they have Done. A Memorial Series. By Geo. B. Taylor, D. D. Paper, 18mo., 138 pp.
The Origin of the Baptists. 18mo., 36 pp.
Religious Freedom and the Baptists. 18mo., 36 pp.
What the Baptists have done for the World. 18mo., 28 pp.
Virginia Baptists. 18mo., 36 pp.
The Evils of Infant Baptism. By Alvah Hovey, D. D. 18mo., 36 pp.
Popular Objections to Baptist Principles. By J. Lansing Burrows, D. D. 52 pp.
Protestant Pedobaptism; and the Doctrine of a Church. By Rev. Howard Osgood, D. D. 18mo., 36 pp.
Struggles and Triumphs of Virginia Baptists. By J. L. M. Curry, D. D., LL. D. 18mo., 72 pp.
Apostolical Church Polity. By Prof. William Williams, D. D. 18mo., 72 pp.
Immersion Essential to Christian Baptism. By Prof. John A. Broaddus, D. D. 18mo., 72 pp.

Tracts—Regular Series.—

No. 243.	The Puzzled Dutchman,	12mo.,	2 pp.
" 244.	Death-bed of Ex-Gov. John Gill Shorter,	"	16 "
" 245	Scriptural Subjects of Baptism, By N. W. Williams, D.D.,	"	20 "
Spanish Tract.—The Sabbath,		"	24 "

German Tracts.—

No. 13.	Christian Union,	"	20 "
" 14.	Pastoral Advice,	"	16 "
" 15.	Church Finances,	"	4 "
" 16.	Letter to an Absent Member,	"	4 "
" 17.	The Compass,	"	8 "
" 18.	Reasons why a Pious Pedobaptist should be Baptized,	"	8 "
" 19.	Judson's Letter on Costly Attire,	"	12 "

MISSION WORK OF THE YEAR.

The Society have had employed for the whole or a portion of the year, Twenty Sunday-school Missionaries, Fifteen Colporteurs, and Ten Missionary Agents. Together, they have labored over eight thousand days; circulated twenty-one thousand Books and Bibles, and

over two hundred and forty-two thousand pages of tracts; delivered nearly seven thousand sermons and addresses; held two thousand prayer meetings; visited twelve thousand families, and two thousand vessels; baptized three hundred and ten persons; constituted sixteen churches; organized three hundred and fifty-eight Sunday-schools.

TABLE OF MISSION WORK.

We give in tabular form a summary statement of the work performed by the Society's laborers, with some of the known results:

	FOR THE YEAR 1873-74.	FROM THE FIRST.
Days of service	8,315	213,350
Miles travelled	197,736	2,110,852
Scriptures circulated	4,953	50,809
Books sold	14,707	548,933
Books given away	1,231	83,180
Pages of Tracts distributed	242,361	6,539,054
Sermons and Addresses delivered	6,841	92,026
Prayer-meetings held	2,003	46,560
Families visited	12,862	624,525
Families found without the Bible	500	14,336
Families supplied with the Bible	191	13,962
Vessels visited	2,064	38,052
Persons baptized	310	12,556
Churches constituted	16	448
Sunday-schools organized	358	3,010
Conventions and Institutes addressed	526	2,138
Sunday-schools aided by Donations	504	3,449
Pastors and Ministerial Students, white and colored, furnished with grants of books for their Libraries	87	1,266

GRANTS.

Donations of Bibles, books, pamphlets, periodicals, and tracts, have been made to different parties, including Pastors, Missionaries, Church Members, Churches, Conventions, Associations, Orphan Asylums, Charitable Institutions, Seminaries, &c., in thirty-one different States, territories, and countries.

Libraries have been donated to one hundred and forty-four Sunday-schools. Libraries have also been given to Forty-seven white Ministers, and to Forty colored Ministers, eighty-seven in all.

The Colporteurs have also made various grants on their fields of labor, amounting to $1,982.83. This does not include the value of grants made from the Rooms.

THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS.

I. ORIGIN.

MOST of the organizations that now bless the world with a religious literature had their origin about the beginning of the present century. The Methodist Book Concern was founded in 1788; the London Religious Tract Society in 1799; the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1802; the Protestant Episcopal Tract Society in 1810; the American Tract Society, Boston,—(Congregational)—in 1814; the American Bible Society in 1816; the American Sunday School Union in 1824, and the American Tract Society in 1825.

The first quarter of the century was fruitful in organized effort for Christ. Many of the Baptist State Missionary Conventions, or General Associations, were formed about this period. The Convention of South Carolina was founded in 1821; those of Alabama and Georgia in 1822; Connecticut and Virginia in 1823; those of Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts in 1824; Ohio and Rhode Island in 1825; Pennsylvania in 1827, and New York in 1828.

But the Baptists at this early day had no general Tract or Publication Society. A local organization was formed in New England in 1811 under the name of the *Evangelical Tract Society*. It, however, was not strongly denominational, never became vigorous, and has long since ceased to exist, except in name.

The necessity of some means for the publication of Baptist tracts was very generally felt in different sections of the country. Mr. John S. Meehan, and the students for the ministry under the care of Dr. Staughton in Philadelphia, as early as 1820 discussed the question of organizing a Society for this purpose. But Mr. Meehan's sudden removal to Washington City prevented the consummation of their plan. Rev. Samuel Cornelius of Virginia, and others, seriously contemplated a movement in this direction. But it was reserved, in the Providence of God, for REV. NOAH DAVIS, a young minister ordained at Salisbury, Md., Dec. 21st, 1823, to take the first effectual steps towards the organization of a Tract Society. Very soon after his

ordination he wrote a letter on the subject to Mr. J. D. Knowles, his former classmate, a student at Columbian College, Washington City, and editor of the *Columbian Star*. In that letter he says:

"I have been thinking for *some time past* how a Tract Society can be got up in Washington, which shall hold the same place among the Baptists that the American Tract Society, Boston, does among the Congregationalists. I feel very much the necessity of having tracts to scatter in the waste places. It is a plan of doing good but little known among Baptists."

This letter was the occasion of much conversation between Mr. Knowles the editor, and Mr. Meehan the publisher of the *Columbian Star*, and Mr. George Wood, also of Washington City. The idea of Mr. Davis, now began to assume a practical form. In the "*Columbian Star*," of February 21st, 1824, we find the following notice:

"*** Those persons who are disposed to assist in forming a Baptist General Tract Society in this city, are requested to meet at the house of Mr. George Wood, on Wednesday Evening next, at 7 o'clock."

In answer to the call, there convened at the house of Mr. George Wood, on the Wednesday evening, Feb. 25th, 1824, twenty-five persons, viz:

Rev. Wm. Staughton, D. D.,	Enoch Reynolds,	Joseph Cooper,
Rev. Luther Rice,	Joseph Gibson,	Mrs. Peck,
Rev. O. B. Brown,	Daniel Brown,	" Hutton,
Rev. Samuel W. Lynd,	Joseph Thaw,	" Gibson,
Jas. M. Staughton, M. D.,	Isaac G. Hutton,	" Sarah Reynolds,
James D. Knowles,	Robert P. Anderson,	" Nancy Craven,
George Wood,	Greenberry Gaither,	" McIntire,
Baron Stow,	Stephen C. Ustick,	Miss Isabella Owen.
John S. Meehan,		

The number was not large, but an important work was done. Rev. Luther Rice opened the meeting with prayer, and Rev. Dr. Staughton was appointed Chairman. A constitution was adopted and the following officers were elected:

President—Rev. O. B. Brown.
Vice-President—Rev. John Bryce.
Agent—Mr. George Wood.
Rec. Secretary—Mr. Isaac G. Hutton.
Treasurer—Rev. Luther Rice.

Directors—Rev. Dr. Staughton, Rev. S. W. Lynd, Joseph Gibson, Joseph Thaw, Enoch Reynolds, Reuben Johnson, James D. Knowles.

All the officers, directors, and most of the other persons present at that meeting of the Society's organization have passed away. But the Society they formed in prayer and faith, still lives to bless the world.

The Society was originated at Washington as a national Society, a centre around which the Baptists of every section of the country might rally, a fountain from which should go out streams of blessing to every corner of our land. Its support, however, for the first few years came almost exclusively from Southern Baptists. At the close of the second year the following twenty-six persons had made themselves Life Members:

Rev. Chas. D. Mallory, Columbia, S. C.
" Joseph Shepard, Salem, N. J.
" Rich'd Furman, D.D., Charleston, S. C.
" Luther Rice, Washington, D. C.
Mr. John S. Meehan, " "
Rev. Sam'l Cornelius, Alexandria, D. C.
" Wm. B. Johnson, Greenville S. C.
" Howard Malcom, Hudson, N. Y.
" Wm. Staughton, College Hill, D. C.
" Noah Davis, Norfolk, Va.
" David Roper, Richmond, Va.
Mr. Thomas Stokes, New York City.
" John Holeman, Cambridge, S. C.
Rev. Wm. Dossey, Society Hill, S. C.
" Daniel Davis, Salisbury, Md.
" Joshua S. Calloway, Jones Co., Ga.
" John Carrell, Nansemond, Va.
" Pharcellus Church, Poultney, Vt.
" Spencer H. Cone, New York City.
" Obadiah B. Brown, Washington, D. C.
" Sam'l W. Lynd, " "
Mr. Alexis Caswell, College Hill, D. C.
" Joseph Thaw, Washington D. C.
" Isaac G. Hutton, " "
" George Wood, " "
" Enoch Reynolds, D. C.

It will be seen that all but five of these resided in Southern States. The Treasurer's Reports of the first and second year also show that Southern Baptists were the Society's main supporters. Of the $1,010.33 received during the first two years, all but $133.73, came from Southern States. To our Southern brethren, therefore, will ever have to be given the honor of having nourished the Society in the years of its helpless infancy.

II. OBJECTS.

The one great aim of the Bible and Publication Society is to glorify God and save men, by diffusing and enforcing Bible truth by means of the *Press*, the *Sunday-school*, and *Colportage*. In striving for the accomplishment of this one great primary aim, the Society is steadily seeking,

1. To help place the Bible in the hands of all who need it;

2. To provide a denominational literature, in the form of tract, pamphlet, periodical, and volume, that shall be fully adequate to explain, defend, and enforce the principles that distinguish us as a denomination;

3. To furnish a Sunday-school literature pure and elevating in character, sufficiently varied in kind and ample in supply to meet the ever-increasing demands of our Sunday-schools;

4. To supply standard devotional, religious and theological works of every kind, and for every age—books adapted to enrich the mind of the minister, to direct the inquirer, to indoctrinate the believer, to establish the wavering, and to comfort the afflicted and dying;

5. To aid in establishing a good Sunday-school in every Baptist Church, and a Mission School in every destitute neighborhood where there is hope of permanence; and to increase the efficiency and power of all existing schools. This work is sought by the appointment of efficient Sunday-school missionaries—by granting small libraries to new schools, and by a system of well-directed efforts to improve Sunday-school instruction;

6. To carry the gospel of the blessed God, by means of Missionary Colporteurs and Bible Readers, to the *homes* and hearts of the millions who never visit the house of God.

III. CHANGES.

In sketching the early history of the Society it may not be improper to state briefly the various changes that have taken place in its location and name.

DEPOSITORY.

Some six weeks after the Society's organization a few tracts were printed, and the first Depository was opened April 2d, 1824, in the office of the "Columbian Star," Washington, D. C. At first it was under the care of Mr. John S. Meehan; afterwards in charge of Mr. Baron Stow, then a student in Columbian College.

On Nov. 14th, 1826 a special meeting of the Society was held in Washington City, at which it was resolved to transfer the headquarters of the Society to Philadelphia. This was done that better facilities for shipping to Southern cities and elsewhere might be secured. A committee of brethren residing in Philadelphia were appointed to act in behalf of the Board, and on the 25th of December of the same year

that committee convened at the house of Dr. J. L. Dagg. The first meeting of the Society in that city was held Jan. 3d, 1827, Dr. J. L. Dagg acting as chairman, and Dr. Howard Malcom as Secretary.

The First Depository in Philadelphia was in a room 15 feet square on the second floor of a building on Front Street, a few doors below Market Street, at a rent of $100. This was a small beginning. After remaining here for eight months, the Society moved on September 20th, 1827, to its second Depository, which consisted of a few shelves in the Book Store of Mr. Daniel Clark, No. 118 North 4th Street. It remained here under his care for about one year and a half. On June 6th, 1829, a third removal was made, to a store on the N. W. corner of Fifth and North Streets, at a rent of $200. Here the Society remained for nearly four years, when a fourth removal was necessitated, and made Feb. 8th, 1833, to a store No. 31 South Fourth St., rent $380. This constituted the Society's Headquarters for eleven years. On April 1st, 1844, the Board after going in a body to view the house No. 31 North Sixth Street, rented it for $550 per year. This served as a depository for six years, when it became wholly insufficient in its accommodations. The Society therefore in April 1850, moved, for the sixth time in Philadelphia, to its present home, 530 Arch Street.

This property with the necessary alterations, cost $17,430.83. At the time, the building though only about half its present size, seemed large enough to furnish ample room for the Society's work for many generations to come. A large portion of it was at first rented to others. Such, however, was the growth of the Society's work, that it soon required the use of the entire building, nor was the whole of it sufficiently large to meet the Society's increasing wants.

In 1861, two members of the Board, viz: John P. Crozer and William Bucknell, erected an additional building covering the entire lot, at a cost of $8,654.90, which they generously paid. The entire cost of this property, as it now stands, is $26,085.73. It is probably worth $50,000. Here the Society has worked and grown for 24 years, until this house, 23 feet front and 120 deep is as inadequate for the Society's present necessities as was the upper room 15 feet square, in 1827.

This Fiftieth year of the Society's existence has been signalized by the raising of $125,000, in reliable subscriptions, for the erection of a new building sufficiently large to enable the Society to prosecute its

work to the best advantage. It is but just to state that this movement originated with Mr. William Bucknell; he having generously offered to give $25,000 on condition that others would raise $100,000 more for the purpose. The Board have fully indicated their conviction of the necessity of a new building, as also their confidence in the Society's work, in that they themselves, including Mr. Bucknell, have subscribed more than one half of the $125,000. Of the whole amount, less than $10,000 have been pledged outside the state of Pennsylvania. It speaks well for a Society when those who *know its work best* are found among its freest and largest givers. The Board have entered into a contract for the purchase of a lot containing 46 feet in front, on the south side of Chestnut Street, west of Broad, and extending 235 feet to Sansom Street, being it is believed, one of the most eligible in the city, upon which it is intended to commence, early in the ensuing summer, the erection of the building to cover the entire space, with every convenience for the transaction of its business.

As the friends of the Society in Philadelphia and vicinity, have mainly provided the money needed for the new building, it may reasonably be expected that friends elsewhere over the entire country will unite in enlarging the Society's receipts, year by year, for its Colporteur and Sunday-school Mission work.

It should also be stated in this connection, that the Society now has four Branch Depositories, viz: No. 2 Tremont Temple, Boston; 76 East 9th St., New York; 61 Washington St., Chicago; and 209 North 6th St., St. Louis, all of them attractive stores. The buildings occupied by these Depositories are not owned by the Society.

NAME.

The Society was organized under the name of the "Baptist General Tract Society." This name was retained until 1840, when an enlargement of work caused the name to be changed to "The American Baptist Publication and Sunday-school Society."

This name well expressed the Society's work, but its great length made it inconvenient in use. When therefore the Society applied for an act of Incorporation, it was shortened to simply The American Baptist Publication Society. Under this name it was incorporated by the Pennsylvania Legislature, March 20th, 1845.

To carry out an agreement made with the American and Foreign Bible Society for a union of the two Societies, the Legislature, on application, changed the name of this Society, May 10, 1871, to The Bible and Publication Society. The Bible Society, however, failed to comply with its part of the agreement, and the union did not take place. The Society, therefore, at its last meeting voted to so change the Constitution as to restore the old name, The American Baptist Publication Society, and instructed the Board to apply to the Legislature of Pennsylvania for a further supplement to the Charter authorizing this change.

At the same meeting the Society, lest the change in the name might be construed into an abandonment of the *Bible work*, passed unanimously the following resolution :

Resolved, That inasmuch as the American Baptist Publication Society has from its origin to the present time, both by its constitutional requirements, and in fact, been disseminating the Sacred Scriptures, we see no reason for modifying or in any way interrupting its work in that respect, and that the return to the old name under which it has for so many years carried on Bible-work, shall not be interpreted as changing its policy or limiting its privileges in that direction.

Soon after the legislature convened, the Board as instructed, made application for the change in the charter, restoring the name *The American Baptist Publication Society*. But the State had just adopted a new Constitution which, it now appears, took from the Legislature the power to grant or amend charters. Application for the change must now be made to the Court, which has jurisdiction in the case. But the Court cannot take action until its session in June next.

"THE BIBLE AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY"

is therefore still the legal name of the Society, and will be until the Court grants authority to change it.

IV. GROWTH.

PUBLICATIONS.

For the first sixteen years the Society's only work was to make and circulate TRACTS. During that period it had published over three and a half million copies of 162 different tracts.

The circulation of tracts was by no means an unimportant work in that day; nor is it any less desirable at the present time. In this fast age, so quiet and unobtrusive a means of doing good as the circulation of religious tracts is fast falling into disuse. But the friends of Christ would do well to earnestly consider the question, Can we afford to abandon a means of usefulness that has accomplished so much good as Tract distribution?

It is unquestionably desirable that the style and form of tracts should be improved. They should be made very much more attractive in their appearance. This being done, each separate church should organize for a systematic and persistent circulation of evangelical and denominational tracts in the community in which it is placed. There never was a time when infidelity and irreligion were disseminated by means of a cheap literature more than at the present hour. Let not the servants of Christ originate an instrumentality of vast power, and then pass it over into the hands of their enemies to use against the cause of truth. Oh for a revival—a universal revival of tract distribution! Baptists, of all others, have nothing to fear, but everything to gain from a wide circulation of Scriptural tracts.

The Society at the present time publishes in the English language, *Two hundred and forty-five* 12mo. tracts, *Fifty-five* 18mo., and *Twenty-four* 32mo. Tracts have also been provided in foreign languages as follows: *Nineteen* in German, *One* in Dutch, *Eleven* in Swedish, *Five* in *Norwegian*, *Eight* in French, and *Fourteen* in Spanish, making 382 in all.

VOLUMES.

For several years the conviction had been growing, that the Society should provide more than tracts. As early as 1835, in the great meeting of the TRIENNIAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, in Richmond, Va., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

"*Resolved, 1st*—That it is expedient, and that the time has arrived, to have a Society to publish and circulate valuable books, particularly of a denominational character, for Sunday-school and family use.

"*Resolved, 2d*—That the Baptist General Tract Society be requested so to alter its constitution as to include such publications; and that the publications of that Society should be confined chiefly to such as set forth the peculiar and, as they are believed to be, scriptural principles of the denomination.

It, however, was not until 1840, at the Annual Meeting held in New York, that this demand of the denomination was fully complied with. At that meeting the Constitution was changed, the sphere of action enlarged so as to include the publication of volumes, and especially Sunday-school Library books.

The change was hailed by the denomination with universal favor. The Hudson River Association at its next session passed the following resolution :—

"*Resolved*—That this Association regard the recent formation of The American Baptist Publication Society as an event in the history of our denomination, calling for devout acknowledgment to the God of all grace. And that we fondly hope that it will ere long enjoy a share in the sympathies, prayers, and contributions of our churches, *on a footing of equality with our Bible and Missionary Societies.*"

This resolution was heartily responded to by very many other Associations all over the country.

From the foregoing it is apparent that The American Baptist Publication Society had its origin in a deep conviction that a PUBLISHING SOCIETY FOR BAPTISTS IS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY. And while it has not been able to accomplish all that could be desired, it has, under God, done more than all other agencies combined, toward providing a suitable Sunday-school literature for Baptist schools.

The Catalogue has been carefully revised several times, leaving out those publications which had ceased to be of value. The list now numbers 1136 publications, viz :

373 Sunday-school Library Books.
52 Infant School Library Books.
26 Sunday-school Question Books.
7 Catechisms.
3 S. S. Text Books for Beginners.
11 Helps for Sunday-school Teachers.
12 Sunday-school Requisites.
9 Sunday-school Dialogues.
71 Sunday-school reward Books.
6 S. S. Reward Cards and Tickets.
75 Denominational and Standard Religious Works.
3 Commentaries.
4 Devotional Works.
18 Hymn Books.
14 Gift Books for Children.
57 Paper covered Books.
7 Books in Foreign Languages.
5 Periodicals.
382 Tracts.
1 Church Letter.

We would here call special attention to a Paper on "THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS" prepared by Rev. Geo. W. Anderson, D. D., the Society's acting Book editor. This interesting paper will be found as an Appendix to this Report.

Your Board feel deeply impressed with the desirableness of aiming steadily to provide able works on all points of inquiry not yet covered by our present list of publications, so that the catalogue shall be complete in its range.

PERIODICALS.

The Society had been in existence only a little over three years, when the necessity of some direct medium of communicating with the churches became so apparent that it was led to publish a monthly periodical, called the "*Baptist Tract Magazine.*" It was commenced in July, 1827, and continued for nine years; when it gave place, in 1836, to a paper styled the "*Baptist Record.*" This sheet was published for nineteen years—first as a monthly, then semi-monthly, and afterwards as a weekly.

The Society at the present time publishes five periodicals—

OUR LITTLE ONES—for the Nursery.
THE YOUNG REAPER—for Sunday-school scholars.
THE BAPTIST TEACHER—for Sunday-school workers.
THE NATIONAL BAPTIST—for the Family.
THE BAPTIST QUARTERLY—a Theological Review.

The total number of copies of these periodicals printed from their commencement are as follows:

Our Little Ones	1,348,000
Young Reaper	36,150,106
Baptist Teacher	1,490,100
National Baptist	2,796,189
Baptist Quarterly	42,800

THE TOTAL ISSUES OF THE SOCIETY FOR FIFTY YEARS.

From	1824–1840—16	years,	125,443,173	18mo.	pp.
"	1840–1845— 5	"	96,909,708	"	"
"	1845–1852— 7	"	115,689,973	"	"
"	1852–1857— 5	"	163,281,293	"	"
"	1857–1874—17	"	2,822,780,319	"	"
	Total in the 50	years,	3,324,104,466	"	"

More than thirty-three hundred and twenty-four million pages.

It is difficult for the mind to form any adequate conception of such figures. We may find some help when we reduce them to some more familiar standard. These pages, if laid end to end, would make a continuous line of printed matter more than 300,000 miles in length. If spread out on the ground they would cover about twenty square miles.

NEW ENGLAND SABBATH-SCHOOL UNION.

It should be stated here, that in the year 1856, the Society purchased the entire stock of Sunday-school plates, engravings, copyrights, &c., of the "*New England Sabbath School Union*," and embraced that Society as a part and parcel of The Bible and Publication Society. By this purchase the Society added to its list many valuable Sunday-school publications, among which is the "*Young Reaper*," which, in coming into the possession of this Society, was greatly enlarged and improved. The amount paid for the property of the Union, was $6,715.00.

BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

We find in the Report of the Board to the Society, for the year 1853, the following item:

"The Board would also suggest the importance of organizing a HISTORICAL DEPARTMENT, for the special purpose of collecting and preserving all documents elucidating our denominational history, and for publishing such papers and volumes as may shed light upon the rise and growth of Baptist Churches, and the progress of Baptist principles throughout the Union. One of the ultimate aims of such an organization should be, to secure a complete reliable history of the denomination, from the days of the Apostles."

The Society enthusiastically endorsed the recommendation made by its Board, and a Historical Department was formed, May 5, 1853. The Department however, was irregularly and unfortunately constituted as a *Society* with a distinct Constitution, Board, Officers, and membership—a society within a society. Its relation to the Publication Society that originated it, consisted simply in having its Board and Officers appointed, its annual reports printed, its Library room furnished by that Society. It was not a Department, nor yet an independent organization. This anomalous relationship continued for ten years, when the Department declared independence, which was conceded by the parent Society.

GERMAN PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

In October 1872, the following compact between the *German Baptist Publication Society* and ourselves, was mutually agreed upon.

1. The German Baptist Publication Society shall co-operate with The Bible and Publication Society, and a report of the receipts and work of either Society shall be inserted in the report of the other.

2. That the German Baptist Publication Society shall act as an advisory body for The Bible and Publication Society, selecting and recommending for publication such German works as they deem desirable, and as they will aid in circulating among the German churches.

3. That The Bible and Publication Society shall pledge itself to publish all works so recommended, as far as their ability will warrant.

4. That The Bible and Publication Society will annually appoint one, or more German Baptists on its Board of Managers.

In accordance with this plan several publications have been put to press, and we hope that it will secure a much-needed enlargement in our list of German works.

It is proper here to say, that the German Baptist Publication Society was organized September 20, 1865. From the beginning until January 1, 1874, it had published 79,500 copies of 68 distinct works, equivalent to 13,685,500 18mo. pages. Its receipts for the last year, ending January 1, 1874, are $19,973.15.

RECEIPTS.

There are in the Society two distinct departments—the Business and the Missionary, and the finances of these departments are kept entirely separate. Each department keeps its own set of books, Treasurer, and Bank accounts. The receipts in these departments for the fifty years are as follows:—In the Business, $3,162,038.85, and in the Missionary department, $799,224.86—making a total of $3,961,263.71. The total receipts of the Society during its first year were only $372.80, while the total receipts for the last—the fiftieth year—were $430,854.93.

The following table will show the receipts in each department during the several decades of the half century:

Decade.	*Benevolent.*	*Business.*	*Total.*
1824–1834	1,372.15	33,330.15	34,702.30
1834–1844	6,304.20	86,647.37	92,951.57
1844–1854	37,391.73	256,473.75	293,865.48
1854–1864	165,634.82	509,429.02	675,063.84
1864–1874	588,521.96	2,276,158.56	2,864,680.52
Total	799,224.86	3,162,038.85	3,961,263.71

Many complaints have been made about the cost of benevolent societies. On the justice of these we have no means of deciding. But we rejoice in being able to state that in the case of this Society *every dollar* of the nearly $800,000 received in the Benevolent Treasury, during the fifty years, has been expended *exclusively* in missionary work. Nor is this all. The Business department has not only not used any of the money given for the Society's Missionary work, but has actually paid the salaries of the officers and clerks in the Rooms who conduct the Missionary work of the Benevolent department, and has also made large donations from time to time, amounting, in the aggregate, during the 50 years to nearly one hundred thousand dollars to the Society's Missionary work.

Of the receipts in the Business department an equally satisfactory account can be given. For every dollar of these receipts in the Business department, amounting in all to $3,162,038.85, the Society has actually published 1054 18mo. pages, or their equivalent in some other form, besides circulating more than an equal amount from other publishers, and accumulating a considerable property.

PROPERTY.

The assets of the Society at the present time amount to $255,839.06 and its liabilities to $56,609.37; making the Society's net property amount to $199,229.69. Besides this, it had in its Treasury, March 1st, 1874, $16,536.67, paid in toward the erection of a new building, and a valid subscription of $110,000 more.

INVESTED FUNDS.

The Benevolent department of the Society holds the following Invested Funds:

John P. Crozer Sunday-School Library Fund of $10,000.

This is invested in Philadelphia City-6's. And the interest is expended in grants of small libraries to poor Sunday-schools.

John P. Crozer Ministers' Library Fund of $10,000.

One half of this sum was given by Mrs. John P. Crozer, after her husband's death. It is invested one-half in U. S. 5-20's, and the other in Philadelphia City-6's. The interest is annually applied in making grants of small libraries to needy and deserving pastors.

John P. Crozer Memorial Fund, $50,000.

This was given by the family of Mr. Crozer after his death as a Memorial. It is invested as follows:

$25,000 in Pennsylvania Rail Road First Mortgage Bonds,
$10,000 in Philadelphia City-6's,
$15,000 in United States 5-20's.

The interest is employed in aiding Sunday-schools, ministers, and students for the ministry among the colored people.

Richard Fletcher Permanent Colporteur Fund, $5,500.

Invested in Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.'s Bonds.

The interest is applied toward the support of a Colporteur permanently.

Samuel Patten Permanent Colporteur Fund, $2,000.

Held in trust by Friend Humphrey of Albany, N. Y.

The interest is applied toward the support of a Colporteur permanently.

William Jacobs' Permanent Church Fund, $1,000.

Invested in Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.'s Bond.

The interest is applied in grants of books and tracts to poor churches.

This makes a total of $78,500 that are invested outside of the Society's Business.

Besides these investments, the Benevolent department has the benefit of the annual income from $15,000, which were given to the Business to increase its capital, on condition that it would forever pay an interest on the same to the Benevolent department for Missionary work. This sum consists of three funds, viz:

The Ten Thousand Dollar Fund, $10,000.

This was raised as working capital. The interest is applied, year by year, in grants of tracts and books to pastors and missionaries.

Theron Fisk Permanent Colporteur Fund, $2,500.

Jonathan Davis Permanent Colporteur Fund, $2,500.

These gentlemen each gave the Society twenty-five hundred dollars as working Capital, on condition that the Business would pay an

annual interest on the same, toward the support of a Colporteur permanently. And this the Society is faithfully doing. In these cases, both *principal* and interest, are perpetually at work doing good.

During the last year the Society has received the beginning of what will be known as the

Jonathan L. Allen Fund.

This gentleman still lives, and is giving to the Society $5,000 with the provision that the Society shall pay him or his wife, an annual interest of 8 per cent., while either of them live. At their death, the principal becomes the Society's, and the interest then will be applied toward the Society's work. There have been paid in, on this fund, $1,010.

Other gentlemen have under consideration, the purpose of investing in the Society in like manner. They feel that in so doing they are *perfectly sure of a good interest* for themselves or families, while they live, and that when they die, the principal will go to one of the noblest works in the world.

MISSION WORK.

It may not be amiss here to reiterate the fact, that The Bible and Publication Society is strictly and eminently a *Missionary* Society. Nor is its mission work the same as that of the other great missionary organizations. The Home Mission Society directs its efforts mainly towards the support of local pastors laboring with feeble churches. It does not employ *Colporteurs*, or strictly *Sunday-school Missionaries.* It is pre-eminently a Church Missionary Society, doing a vast, and a blessed work. This Society, on the contrary, is emphatically a *Family* and *Sunday-school* Missionary Society. Its work consists in three things:—

1. In preaching the gospel *from house to house* by a band of devoted Missionary *Colporteurs;* who unite with personal efforts to convert the inmates, the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, and the dissemination of a gospel literature.

2. In sustaining *Sunday-school* Missionaries to form new schools, to strengthen and improve old ones, and to organize the forces of the different States for efficient Sunday-school work.

3. In making grants of small libraries to poor ministers and Sunday-schools, and of tracts to pastors, and to missionaries of other Societies and Conventions.

COLPORTAGE.

The work of Colportage the Society commenced as early as 1840, about one year before any other Society in the country entered upon the work. During the past 34 years it has sustained more than fourteen hundred (1411) laborers, distributed in nearly all the States of the Union, also in Canada, Sweden, Norway, and Italy. We have said "more" than fourteen hundred, because there was a period of seven years—from 1846 to 1852 inclusive—during which a large colporteur work was performed, but of which no full record was preserved. The colporteurs whose reports are recorded have together performed the work of one man for nearly six centuries—584 years.

Colportage in Foreign Fields.

The Society, from a very early period in its history, made grants to missionaries in Africa, Asia, and Europe, for the publication and circulation of Tracts in foreign languages. Rev. J. G. Oncken, as early as 1833, before he was baptized, in a letter to the Board acknowledges his indebtedness to the Society's tracts in the following words:—

> "The publications of your Society on Baptism are admirable. They were quite new to me, and have tended not a little to establish me in my purpose to comply with this part of my Saviour's command, as soon as possible. I am very anxious that some of these treatises should be translated into German."

In answer to his frequent and urgent appeals, the Society translated, stereotyped, and sent out several works in the German language; "*Pengilly on Baptism*," being one of the number. Among those who read this book was Andreas Wiberg, a converted Lutheran Minister in Sweden. With God's blessing it was instrumental in making him a decided Baptist. This man seems to have been raised up for the special purpose of leading a great awakening in Sweden. He came to this country, and by a careful study of our church polity, and the preparation of various books and tracts, fitted himself for his mission.

In 1855, the Society was led by providences, that in authority were equivalent to a voice from Heaven, to send Mr. Wiberg back to Sweden, to originate and direct a system of Missionary Colportage. While the strong arm of the civil law was brought to bear against the public preaching of the gospel by dissenting ministers, Missionary Colportage was freely tolerated, and God placed his seal of approval

upon the work, in a most wonderful manner. Mr. Wiberg entered upon this work in Sweden, under the auspices of this Society, in November 1855. When the Society transferred this Mission to the American Baptist Missionary Union, in May 1866, there were in Sweden 176 Baptist Churches, with an aggregate of Six Thousand Six Hundred and Six Members, and the work had extended into Norway and other surrounding counties.

Peculiarly inviting openings in Italy, induced the Society at its annual meeting in May 1872, to commission Rev. W. C. Van Meter, as a Bible and Sunday-school Missionary, for Rome, Italy. Mr. Van Meter entered upon his labors in October 1872. The movement excited the fiercest hostility of the Papal power. Success, however, has attended the Mission thus far, as will be seen by the following interesting report of Mr. Van Meter, covering seventeen months, from October 1, 1872, to March 1, 1874.

Review of Two Years' Work in Rome.

February 14, 1872.—Received my appointment. The next week left for Rome to examine the field, consult with Christian workers, devise plans, then return home and make the necessary preparation, to begin October 1.

As the Italian Bible Society had not the money to print the New Testament, I pledged the Sunday-schools of America for 10,000 lire ($2,000), and became responsible for the money, on condition that they have the credit of giving to the children of Italy the first 10,000 copies ever printed in Rome. The money was sent me—paid over to Mr. Henry Lowe, treasurer; the printing was done, and the Testaments are being distributed. Those I promised to the donors in America were sent from Leghorn in April, 1873.

The Sunday-school Union of Newton, Massachusetts, gave me a water and mildew-proof tent 40 by 80 feet, with a full supply of poles, stakes, ropes, &c., &c., which has been constantly used for evangelistic purposes since by Mr. Wall.

June 26th I sailed from New York with my family, and left them in London while I went on to Rome to secure a house in which to begin my work. I was unsuccessful, and returned to London to raise more funds for the work.

In September I again went to Italy, left my family in Florence while I went to Rome to try and obtain a suitable place. For a while it seemed impossible; but at last God gave me this beautiful Palazetto of Prince Torlonia at a price far below anything I could find that was suitable, and so low that many business men visiting here advised me if possible to secure it for a term of years. *My lease has been changed, so I can keep it as long as I please upon present terms.*

The following card, printed soon after the opening, indicates my views in reference to—

The Kind of Work to be Done.

If the children of Italy are to receive such moral and religious instruction as will make them sound, intelligent, earnest Christians, and fit them for the social and civil duties of life, something *more* than is being done by the pulpit, family, and Sunday-school, is required.

Hence the necessity of *Evangelical Day* Schools for children, taught by intelligent, earnest, pious teachers in connection with evangelical places of worship; also Night Schools for men, women and youth, in which the Bible shall be the *basis* of, and thoroughly permeate the entire instruction given.

These schools must be, in fact,

"Training Schools for Christian Workers."

For these reasons *Bible (Sunday) school* work in Italy must for the present be *identified with evangelical day-school work;* and its friends must not be satisfied with just one hour in the week, but extend their work through the *seven days.*

With these views I entered upon my work, and this is

The Way we do it.

We secure the kindest and best teachers we can, and then do what we can to guide, cheer and assist them in their work.

They also act as Sunday-school missionaries and Bible and Tract distributors.

Though due attention is paid to spelling, reading, writing and other branches taught in primary schools, ours are in a special sense *Bible-schools.* We seek to lead the pupils to the Saviour, through whom alone they can be saved. We try to show them that "Wisdom's ways are pleasantness, and all her paths are peace," and to impress upon them the beauty and excellence of a pure life. We try to have them form habits of neatness, punctuality, order and attention. We teach them kindness to parents, brothers, sisters, and *animals;* and to observe the "Golden Rule" in all things.

At the opening of school there is a Bible-lesson, a prayer, and singing. In the P. M. the girls are taught to sew and knit. The large ones in one school are taught to use the *sewing machine.*

In the night-schools a part of the time is given to Bible instruction.

Such English words and phrases as are required in hotels and places of business are taught. In one school French is taught.

In one school, composed of the very *poorest* children, a simple repast (usually good soup and bread) is given at noon, at a cost of 1d. each. In the other schools *no food is given.*

Occasionally an unexpected treat of coffee, bread and butter is given to the night-schools.

Sometimes the parents are brought together and treated in the same way.

Sometimes the teachers of the various day and Sunday-schools meet in my reception-room, lay plans, talk, sing, take a cup of coffee, and thus cultivate a kindly feeling towards each other.

In the five schools:—**Vatican Mission, Mission Tent, Trastevere, Trajana, Frascati,** *the whole number enrolled up to November 10th,* 1872, *as pupils or applicants for admission was* 516.

The Work in Detail.

Mr. Wall, English Baptist Missionary, needed a place in which to preach. He had a small garden. *I loaned him my tent, which he still uses.* I opened in it a day and Sunday-school. He commenced preaching, and soon opened a night-school for his congregation. He has now assumed the entire responsibility of all the work carried on in the tent, and my official connection with it has ceased.

In Trastevere I had Mr. Gioja's preaching-place whitewashed, tinted, and papered; I used it also as a school-room. The school so increased that I rented and fitted up two other rooms in the same building, hired another teacher, and opened a school for small children, took charge of the Sunday-school, and opened a night-school for adults, which soon numbered about 70. Rev. Dr. Taylor has now the entire charge of the work there, and my connection with it has ceased.

Mr. Duni opened a school in Foro Trajano; but in a short time closed it. At Mr. Wall's request I re-opened it. It is now discontinued entirely.

Mr. Ravi desired to have a school in connection with his preaching-place, and requested me to assist him. I loaned him as many desks as he thought he would require. He also selected as many slates, pencils, inkstands, &c., as he deemed requisite. I also paid the salary of his two teachers and his Bible woman or visitor the first month. Last October, as he did not need the desks and as I did, I sent for them for another one of my schools.

Frascati.

After the burning of the Scriptures in Frascati, at the urgent request of many citizens, I rented a place, hired a master, and opened a school for boys; soon after a night-school for adults was opened, and then a Sunday-school, consisting of 35 boys, 23 girls, 25 men, and 23 women. Total 106.

Not long after this a committee of mothers came from there to Rome, and begged me to open a school for their daughters. I rented and fitted up a place, hired a teacher, and now have a day and Sunday-school in that part of the town.

Mr. Wall desired to establish a preaching station here, but had not a room. I furnished him with the free use of my large room, which is usually crowded.

School for Girls and Young Women.

This in some respects is our most important school. As soon as possible we hope to have it consist of the most advanced pupils from the other schools, and thus become a TRAINING SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS. At present, in addition to instruction in the Bible, elementary branches, and sewing, the more advanced pupils are taught French, fancy needlework, and the use of the sewing machine. I hope to open a Bible (Sunday) School here next October, at the beginning of the scholastic year.

Vatican Mission.

This is in the "*Leonine* City," where was "Nero's Garden," which was lighted by our brethren in their *shirts of tar*. Here are the head-quarters of the Pope and Cardinals, consisting of the once dreaded *Inquisition*, *Vatican*, and *St. Peter's*. When I went to Rome I had no thought of entering this *Citadel of the "man of sin."*

A proprietor, learning the object for which I had come to Rome, sent word to me that if I desired to open a mission in this "sacred territory, he would let me have rooms in his house.

I immediately examined the place, and though I had not the money to spare from work on hand, still it was clear to me that *God had made a breach in the wall of this stronghold, and called upon me to go in.*

In an hour the lease was in my pocket. I employed a brother and sister to go from house to house, and tell the "old, old story." The Italian pastors invited their people to come, and the place was dedicated by a Union Prayer Meeting.

The day the schools were opened, over 80 pupils were registered, and 224 during the first week. As I could receive but about 100 into them I cou'd only beg the parents to wait until I could make suitable provision for the others. In addition to my Sunday-school and two day schools for boys and girls, I opened a night school for men, and one for youths, which soon numbered nearly 100. The night schools are closed from May to November, and the others from August to October.

Few can understand the virulent and incessant opposition with which we meet.

On the day of the reopening, October 1st, 1873, there were *only eight little boys* present though up to the closing before the vacation *four hundred and ninety-five* had been registered as pupils, or as applicants for admission. Sometimes we have in Sunday-school 60, 70, or 80 and perhaps on next Sunday not 25. One Sunday I had but 5. But discouraging as it is, we are doing all we can, and are steadily gaining ground.

The pupils in the two day schools are very poor. Daily I give them an abundance of good soup at a cost of 2 sous (1 penny) each. *No food is given in the other schools.*

Distribution of Scriptures and Tracts.

Two Missionaries are employed. They seek pupils and visit those that have been enrolled. They visit, assist, and comfort the sick. They seek to induce the people to attend some evangelical place of worship. They assist in the evening schools, and teach on Sunday. With great carefulness they engage daily in the distribution of the Scriptures and tracts in families, restaurants, and such other places as will afford them suitable access to the people. They visit the RAILWAY TRAINS just before starting, and give tracts and Gospels to such of the passengers as desire to read them on the journey.

At the gates of the city where the country people meet they avail themselves of the opportunity of sending these "*messengers of life*" into country homes. They report in writing to me daily, and I place great confidence in the wisdom and fidelity with which they labor. During the year just closed they have distributed several thousand Bibles, Testaments, Gospels, and Epistles, and more than 50,000 tracts, for many of which I am indebted to Mr. Bewley of Dublin, and Mr. Wall.

One more Illustration of my Work.

In nothing has the hand of God been more clearly seen than in the palace I have secured for my work. The amount I pay for the *entire* palace, and for *all* the places in which my schools are held, is *less than is paid by one of the English-speaking congregations in Rome for a single floor, the rooms of which are far inferior in every respect to those I have in this* palace.* Besides being head-quarters for my work—one of the best places in Rome for a school—a most delightful place for meetings—a home for my family—office and depository for my Bibles, tracts, &c.—

Our Christian Conferences.

are held here. Rev. Dr. Heacock, of America, whose wise, earnest, and cheering words in these meetings many will long remember, very truly said, "*These are weekly meetings of the Evangelical Alliance, and are worth all the mission costs, even though nothing else were done.*"

Here clergymen and ministers, Churchmen and Dissenters, Christians in the Church and out of the Church, English-speaking people from all parts of the world meet, become acquainted with each other, sing, pray, tell what God has done for them, speak of the religious condition of the regions from which they come, and cheer each other on the way.

Almost every Sunday evening some Italian minister, or some one working among Italians, is present, and tells of the work with which he is specially connected.

Recapitulation.

We have briefly glanced at the most prominent features of the work from the beginning until now (April 1, 1874).

The work on hand at present embraces five day, night, and Sunday-schools in Rome—five in Frascati—three teachers in Bari, Milan, and Civita Vecchia —two visitors and Bible readers, and five places for meetings.

The following tables, which were printed in the quarterly report for December, are a safe indication of the condition of the work, except that during the quarter just closed there has been a *small but steady increase.*

Please *study* them, that you may see the carefulness with which the work is done. During the remaining part of the school year (to Aug. 1st) there will be a falling off, and when the very hot weather comes the rooms will be almost deserted.

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* The contributions of visitors to these "Protestant Head-quarters" *more than paid the rent of all my places.*

The first of October we shall begin again to fill empty benches, and if the past two years are to be any criterion, we shall have to "fight our battles over again," but victory is certain.

QUARTERLY REPORT

OF EACH DAY, NIGHT AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL,

From October 1, 1873, to January 1, 1874.

	Day.	Night.	Sunday.
FRASCATI.			
Total on Register	109	30	91
Total Average	84	22	64
ROME.			
Total on Register	182	86	142
Total on Average	86	30	60
Total registered in Rome and Frascati	291	116	233
Total average attendance in Rome and Frascati	170	52	124

TWO MISSIONARIES.

Visits in December	968
Gospels and Epistles distributed	1,981
Tracts distributed	11,366

Our Singing.

We are asked what kind of hymns and songs we sing, and how we teach them.

We select the most beautiful, simple, and appropriate (original or translated) that we can obtain, write the music and words on the black board, explain the *meaning*, so that it may be "written on the heart," then sing alto and soprano until music and words are committed to memory. In this way we are introducing some of the most beautiful hymns and tunes sung in our Sunday-schools in England and America. For example, "Jesus paid it all;" "Jesus, lover of my soul;" "Rock of Ages;" "Jesus, to Thy arms I flee;" "Sweet hour of Prayer;" "Saviour, bless a little child;" "Sweet By-and-by," &c., &c.

Withhold not your Sympathy.

If the tender human heart of our Saviour craved human sympathy as well as divine support, is it strange that we should sometimes "faint by the way" without it?

The *impatience* of brethren at home for *immediate* and *great results* in foreign fields is one of the sorest trials of those who labor in them.

Think of these things when you are tempted to complain because the success among Christian workers in Italy, France, Spain, and other countries is not greater.

Should you hear that our congregations are large, converts multiplying, and schools full and flourishing, unite with us in gratefully saying, "Not unto us, but unto *Thy* name be the glory."

Should you hear that the "enemy has come in like a flood," and that the places of worship are almost deserted, or school rooms almost empty, do not abandon us, and thus unite with our foes against us, but *sympathize* with us, *pray* for us, *stand by us*, send us the means to carry on the work, and wait *patiently, prayerfully, and confidently* for success.

W. C. VAN METER.

COMMENDATORY NOTICES

By brethren who have visited Rome.

FROM DR. H. HARVEY, *Hamilton Theological Seminary.*

"Mr. Van Meter's work impressed me favorably. His marvellous faith and energy, though not likely to produce at once any startling results on such a field, seem to me judiciously applied to the evangelization of the coming generation, and the raising up of intelligent workers from the young. The manner in which new doors are opening for his work, and means are provided for entering them, is certainly remarkable. I was not able personally to visit his schools; but in a gathering of earnest Christian men and women of different denominations which I attended, the expression of confidence in him and his work was very decided and strong; and this testimony was repeated in personal conversations I had with Christian gentlemen, both foreign and Italian, who had examined his work. He has evidently won a large place in the hearts of the Italian people here, as 'the father of the children.'"

Rome, Jan. 24, 1874.

FROM DR. JOHN W. OLMSTEAD, *Editor Watchman & Reflector.*

REV. W. C. VAN METER'S WORK.—We have taken pains to learn from figures not only, but from actual visitation and inspection, as to Mr. Van Meter's work in Rome. This work, it is very well known, is largely, as we think all successful work here must be, *educational.* But it is not by any means wholly so. Such a man as our large-hearted and earnest Christian brother must needs be himself a centre of evangelical influence, and particularly so when so well supplemented as he is in the person of an excellent wife and daughter. Accordingly we find—as on successive Sunday evenings it has been our great privilege to enjoy—social Christian gatherings at "his hired house," No. 12 Vicolo D'Alibert. Here in a spacious inviting parlor, meetings are held from eight to ten o'clock, combining, as is most meet here, both the social and religious element.

Rome, Feb. 7, 1874.

REV. J. C. FLETCHER, a well-known Presbyterian minister, under date of Feb. 5th, 1874, wrote to a Boston paper:

Amongst those who are endeavoring to do the noblest thing for the youth of Rome is Rev. W. C. Van Meter, whose report is just received. It shows that in 1873 no less than 640 youth and adults were reached by his day, night and Sunday-schools, in all of which the great principles of truth are taught.

FROM DR. GEORGE B. TAYLOR, *Missionary in Rome, under the Southern Baptist Convention.*

Mr. Van Meter's Re-union, at 9 o'clock, Sunday evenings, has become an *institution* in Rome, warmly appreciated and enjoyed both by permanent residents and by casual visitors in the city. Mr. Van Meter conducts the meeting with tact and spirit. We have half-a-dozen addresses by persons of all denominations and coming from all parts of America and Europe, interspersed with fine music. GEO. B. TAYLOR.

Rome, Italy, Dec., 1873.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL WORK.

In 1867 the Society, in answer to an almost universal call, entered more fully and vigorously upon a work which it had been for years prosecuting—the Sunday-school work. It has sought to aid forward this great movement in two ways:—

1. By using its press in furnishing help for Sunday-school workers. Its issues for this purpose already range from a child's Scripture Primer up to Commentaries, Biblical Helps, and a Normal Class Manual:

2. By appointing able State Sunday-school Missionaries—men who will organize the forces of the whole State for effective work. The Society at the present time has under appointment first-class general Sunday-school Missionaries in twenty States.

The latest movement in this direction is the appointment of four colored men as State Sunday-school Missionaries among their own people, one each in Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Mississippi. A more needed or promising missionary work than this does not exist in the world. The entire Sunday-school Department is under the supervision of an able general Sunday-school Secretary.

RESULTS.

On the good results of this varied missionary work a large volume —indeed, many volumes—might be written, and still the half not be told. Among the many incidental results of Missionary Colportage is the creation of a taste for good reading. The Colporteur leaves in a family one interesting book; it is read by all the members. They now want, and will have, more books. Missionary Colportage in this country, has exerted a mighty influence in creating a demand for both the making and selling of good books. The Society, instead of being in the way of individual enterprise in the book business, has steadily increased the demand for its greatest developement.

These men of God have visited over six hundred and twenty-four thousand families; have left behind them by sale and gift over six hundred and fifty-six thousand volumes, and six and a half million pages of tracts. In school houses, and in destitute churches, they have preached seventy-seven thousand sermons, and made nearly fifteen thousand addresses, and held forty-six thousand prayer-meetings. The record of this work is easily and quickly made and read; but its remote and final influence

for good not even an angel can compute. The *immediate* results reported are the baptism of over twelve thousand five hundred persons, and the conversion of about as many more; the organization of four hundred and forty-eight churches, and the formation of three thousand Sunday-schools. In other words, these labors, as now known, have already resulted in the organization of forty-eight more Baptist Churches than there are in the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut combined; within three hundred as many baptized believers as there are Baptists to-day in Maryland and the District of Columbia together, and in over two thousand more Baptist Sunday-schools than there are in the whole of New England. And all this is only the first instalment of the grand results of this humble work.

The growth of the Society in its varied work, as sketched in the preceding pages, clearly shows the fostering care of an over-ruling Providence. Its beginning was small; its continued existence, for a time, uncertain; its growth not rapid for many years. But for the last fifteen years its progress and development have been such as to give positive assurance of permanency and of vast power for good. Its roots have embedded themselves in the convictions of tens of thousands in the churches; and thousands more will, from year to year, learn to appreciate its necessity and efficiency as an evangelizing agency. The Publication Society has a glorious future. Its management may not always be wise, mistakes have been and will be made; but the blessing of God upon it in the past, warrants the hope that he will still guide and use it for his glory in the world.

The field before the Society has enlarged with wonderful rapidity. In 1820 the population of this country was only 9,638,131, in 1870 it was 38,558,371. Most of the Society's mission work has been confined to the frontier States. In 1820 the population in what was then known as the West, viz.: the eleven States west of Pennsylvania, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida was only 2,217,464, while in 1870 the population in the same eleven States, and in the newer Western States and Territories was 19,482,993.

The increase of immigration during the half century has been in the same ratio. There landed upon our shores in the decade from

1820—1830	244,490	immigrants.
1830—1840	552,300	"
1840—1850	1,558,300	"
1850—1860	2,707,624	"
1860—1870	2,412,638	"

It was during this last decade, that the civil war took place, in which time the immigration fell off greatly; one year it was only a little over 50,000. But for the war, the immigration of those ten years, would probably have amounted to four million. Since the war the tide of life has fully set in again upon our shores. In 1872, nearly half a million (422,978) came among us from abroad. Truly, the field before us, to be occupied and cultivated for Christ, is enlarging with a most marvellous rapidity.

The facilities of getting to the population have also greatly increased. In 1830 there were only 23 miles of rail-road in operation in all the country. In 1840, there were 2,818 miles; in 1850 the number had increased to 9,021; in 1860, to 30,635 miles, while in 1870, the country was interlaced by 70,187 miles of Railroad. We surely live in an age of progress.

And in the light of the Nation's amazing progress in the half century just past, what may we not reasonably expect in its growth during the half century to come? When this Society celebrates its centennial, it will be in the midst of a population of nearly two hundred millions. May those who shall be permitted to share in the joyous services of that day, have the satisfaction of knowing that our Father in Heaven has made The Bible and Publication Society in some measure equal to the age in which it exists, and to the field it is called to help cultivate for the Lord.

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Laurel Junction.Baptist Sunday-school..... 2.00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Grants to 100 Sunday-schools in Mississippi Valley, from the St. Louis House.....1000.00
Grants to Sunday-schools in Eastern States, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, per Boston House..... 104.00
Grants to Sunday-schools in Virginia, per C. C. Bitting..... 76.00

Grants of Libraries and Books to Twenty-four Colored Sunday-schools on the Crozer Memorial Fund.

KANSAS.

Chetopah.....Colored Sunday-school..... 10.00

LOUISIANA.

Carrollton .....Colored Sunday-school..... 5.55

MARYLAND.

Annapolis,.....Colored Sunday-school..... 5.50

MISSISSIPPI.

Columbia.....Colored Sunday-school..... 10.00
Okolona .....Colored Sunday-school..... 10 00
Raymond. .....Colored Sunday-school..... 5.00

MISSOURI.

De Witt.....Colored Sunday-school..... 5.00
Springfield.....Colored Sunday-school..... 10.00
Columbia.....Colored Sunday-school..... 10.00
Shelbina.....Colored Sunday-school..... 5.00
Keytesville.....Colored Sunday-school..... 3.00
Buckland.....Colored Sunday-school..... 3.00
Laclede..... .....Colored Sunday-school..... 3.00
Linneus .....Colored Sunday-school..... 3.00

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Portsmouth.....Colored Sunday-school..... 5.00

NEW JERSEY.

Camden .....Colored Sunday-school..... 1.50

NEW YORK.

Newburgh.....Shiloh Colored Sunday-sch'l 4.55

NORTH CAROLINA.

Greensboro'.....Colored Sunday-school..... 5.00
Candles' Mills....Colored Sunday-school..... 6.00

TENNESSEE.

Murfreesboro'....Colored Sunday-school..... 1.50
Columbia.....Colored Orphan Asylum..... 15.00
Fall Branch.....Colored Sunday-school..... 8.20

TEXAS.

Tyler .....Rev. J. H. Stribling for distrib. among Freedmen..... 5.00

VIRGINIA.

Smithfield.....J. W. Ward, for Colored Sunday-school..... 5.00

Grants of Libraries to Forty-seven Ministers on the Crozer Ministers' Library Fund.

ARKANSAS.

Pine Bluff.....Rev. T. A. Reid..... 15.00

COLORADO TERRITORY.

Spanish Peaks....Rev. Wm. Whitelaw..... 15.00

ILLINOIS.

Carrollton .....Rev. H. Stringham..... 10.00
Effingham .....Rev. Thos. M. Griffith..... 15.00
Franklin.....Rev. W. P. How..... 15.00
Kinney.. .....Rev. Geo. Clifton..... 5 00
Kinney.....Rev. F. W. Jenkins..... 5 00
Litchfield.....Rev. M. P. Hastly..... 15.00
Charlestown .....Rev. Silas White..... 20.00

INDIANA.

South Whitley...Rev. R. C. Chiles..... 15.00
Sanford .....Rev. J. H. Rusmisel..... 15.50

IOWA.

Eddyville.....Rev. Mr. Slonaker..... 15.00
Fairview.....Rev. F. W. Allwell..... 8.00

KANSAS.

Independence ....Rev. C. Robinson..... 15.00
Elk Falls.....Rev. N. H. Ward..... 15.00

MICHIGAN.

St. Louis.....Rev. R. C. Mosher..... 10.00

MINNESOTA.

Becker .....Rev. John E. Fasten..... 15.00
St. Paul.....Rev. John Ongman..... 15.00

MISSOURI.

Bellegrade.....Rev. Zenas Adams..... 5.00
Fulton .....Rev. Wm. Ferguson..... 15.00
Irondale.....Rev. Harvey S. Hutchings... 12.00
Scotia .....Rev. E. R. Fort..... 21.00
Mincy .....Rev. A. Hopper..... 15.00
Utica .....Rev. F. M. Wadley..... 10.00
Dundas.....Rev. A. Hendrix. 15.00
La Plata.....Rev. John A. Clarke..... 15.00
St. Louis.....Rev. Jerry Mickel..... 15.00
Rev. A. H. Lewis..... 15.00
Rev. G. T. Calviu..... 15.00

NEBRASKA.

Waverly.....Rev. J. Davies..... 15.00
Ashland .....Rev. J. H. White..... 15.00

NEW YORK.

Hamilton. .....Rev. L. F. Moore..... 15.00
Van Ettenville...Rev. E. J. Lewis..... 15.00
Corning..... .....Rev. F. K. Fowler..... 15.00

OHIO.

Alliance .....Rev. Moses Wright..... 15.15

PENNSYLVANIA.

Muhlenburgh.....Rev. R. Kocher 15.00
Summit Hill.....Rev. D. S. Thomas..... 15.00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Greenville .....Rev. J. D. Talley..... 9.00

TENNESSEE.

Camden.....Rev. J. P. Arnold..... 2.25
Paris..... .....Rev. J. Tulghum..... 15.00

VIRGINIA.

Buchanan.....Rev. C. T. James..... 12.00
Orange C. H.....Rev. W. M. Robinson..... 3.00
— Accomac Co..Rev. Abel Satchell..... 3.00

WEST VIRGINIA.

Ripley..... .....Rev. J. C. Richardson..... 15.00
Wheeling.....Rev. J. B. Bristow..... 15.00

WISCONSIN.

Ontario.....Rev. W. F. Phillips..... 10.00

QUEBEC.

St. Marie.....Rev. T. Reindeau..... 9.00

Grants of Libraries to Twenty-two Colored Ministers on the Crozer Memorial Fund.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington.....Rev. Saunders Howell..... 15.25
" .....Rev. Orlando Spratley..... 9.27

GEORGIA.

Augusta.....Rev. W. J. White..... 15.00
Americus.....Rev. Geo. H. Dwelle..... 15.00

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans.....Rev. A. M. Newman..... 15.00
Waterproof .....Rev. A. Fairfax..... 15.00
" .....Rev. Geo. W. Washington... 12.60

MISSISSIPPI.

Jackson.....Rev. Marion Dunbar..... 15.00
Okolona .....Rev. T. L. Jordon..... 15.00
Winona.....Rev. L. Freeman..... 15.00
" .....Rev. J. Hawey..... 15.00

NORTH CAROLINA.

Charlotte.....Rev. E. Eagles..... .40

NEW JERSEY.

Camden .....Rev. Moses Wilcox..... 15.00

OHIO.

Bridgeport .....Rev. J. E. Brown..... 15.00

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Florence .....G. Carter..... 15.00
Newberry C. H...Rev. Ira Lewis..... 15.00
Columbia.....Dr. M. Pierce..... 15.00
Camden.....Rev. Riley Harriot..... 15.00
Darlington.....Rev. J. P. Brockington ..... .50

TENNESSEE.

Murfreesboro'.....Rev. S. H. Dickinson..... 15.00
Gardner's Sta....Rev. Chas. Taylor..... 1.10

VIRGINIA.

Lexington.....Rev. G. W. Elliott..... 15.00
Alexandria .....Rev. Jno. W. Webb..... 15.00
North Garden.....Rev. J. H. Bowles..... 15.00
Petersburg.....Rev. L. A. Black..... 15.00

Grants of Text Books to Eighteen Colored Ministerial Students on the Crozer Memorial Fund.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington .....Thomas T. Jackson, Howard University..... 15.00
Ten Students in Wayland Seminary..... 12.50
Wm Davenport, in Wayland Seminary..... 15.00
H. C. Robinson, in Wayland Seminary..... 13.75

LOUISIANA.

New Orleans.....Students in Leland Union as follows:
Madison Allen..... 15.00
Thos. Peterson 15.00
Henry Davis..... 15.00
John Robinson..... 15.00
New Orleans.....T. Frierson..... 15.00
H. F. Owens..... 15.00

TENNESSEE.

Nashville.....W. P Jones..... 15.00
Moses Abbott..... 15.00
A. Brinkly..... 15.00

VIRGINIA.

Richmond.....Students in Richmond Institute.
Chas. Farries..... 15.00
J. B. Pool..... 15.00
J. Russell..... 15.00
Henry Dues..... 15.00
G. Richardson..... 15.00

STATEMENT,

Showing the Total Receipts and Disbursements in the BUSINESS DEPARTMENT for the Year ending March 1st, 1874.

DR.

RECEIPTS.

Cash Balance in Treasury, March 1st, 1873,		$ 741 05
Receipts for Merchandise including all sales and outstanding debts	$135,687 36	
" " "National Baptist"	16,344 91	
" " "Baptist Quarterly"	2,079 22	
" " "Baptist Teacher"	13,381 22	
" " "Young Reaper"	24,507 01	
" " "Our Little Ones"	6,984 68	
" " Interest and Discounts	30 10	
" " Jonathan L. Allen Invested Fund	1,010 00	
" " Stocking Depository in St. Louis	500 00	
" on New Building Fund	16,536 67	
		217,061 17
" in Branch Depository, New York	27,063 26	
" " " " Chicago	42,635 30	
" " " " St. Louis	35,475 20	
" " " " Boston	37,720 12	
		$142,893 88
		$360,696 10

CR. DISBURSEMENTS.

Payments for Books, Tracts, and Sundry Debts of last year				$ 94,415 06	
" " Paper	$ 15,163 67	Binding	$ 15,470 54	30,634 21	
" " Printing	7,486 11	Composition	1,732 64	9,218 75	
" " Book and Circular Postage	1,520 58	Packing Boxes	396 93	1,917 51	
" " Edit. Serv's & Examin'g Books	1,117 50	Type & Printing Materials	20 97	1,138 47	
" " Miscellaneous Books and Copyright on Publications sold			1,706 47	1,706 47	$139,030 47
" on **EXPENSE** acct.					
" for Salaries of Secretary, Secretary's Assistant, Editor, Publishing Agent, Book-keepers, Salesmen, and Clerks				14,555 11	
" " Porterage and Freights	487 82	Night Watchman	41 72	529 54	
" " Ice, Coal, and Gas	263 23	Travelling Exp. of Sec'y and Book-keeper	156 81	420 04	
" " Extra Service in Secretary and Book-keeper's Department and collecting accounts of Boston Depository				211 04	
" " Addressing Envelopes, Twine, Cooperage, and Street Sprinkling				64 17	
" " Laying Drain Pipe, sundry Repairs and Incidentals				533 11	16,313 01
" " ADVERTISING	2,354 60	INSURANCE	815 00		3,169 60
" " City Taxes on Real Estate and City License for year 1873					637 58
" " Stereotype Plates of Books and Tracts, also Manuscripts					7,993 50
" " One Year's Interest on Ten Dollar Fund				600 00	
" " " " " Ministers' Library Fund				50 58	
" " " " " " Jonathan Davis' Fund				161 00	
" " " " " " Theron Fisk Fund				150 00	
" " " " " " Vincent Church Fund				4 58	
" " Discounts and Costs of Collection				192 30	1,158 46
" on acct. **"NATIONAL BAPTIST."**					
" for Paper purchased	$ 5,879 80	Composition	4,063 04	9,942 84	
" " Printing and Folding	2,380 89	Editor's Commiss. & Salary	3,152 12	5,533 01	
" " Articles furnished by Contributors and Ass't Editor's Salary			3,082 10	3,082 10	
" " Salaries of Clerks	1,263 39	Postage and Advertising	121 51	1,384 90	
" " Premiums to Subscribers	816 95	Type & Printing Materials	20 61	837 56	
" " Expressage and Porterage	10 49	Books and Periodicals	74 41	84 90	
" " Travelling Expenses of Agent	38 66	Repairs and Incidentals	50 93	89 59	
" " Three Years' use of Mailing Machine to January 1st, 1875			123 97	123 97	21,078 87
" on acct. **"BAPTIST QUARTERLY."**					
" for Paper	714 14	Binding	121 56	835 70	
" " Printing	238 09	Composition	742 80	980 89	
" " Articles and Edit'l Services	943 00	Travell'g Expenses of Ag't	7 28	950 28	
" " Postage and Advertising	14 50	Salaries of Clerks	700 00	714 50	
" " Blank Books and Incidentals			3 88	3 88	3,485 25
" on acct. **"YOUNG REAPER."**					27,516 84
" on acct. **"BAPTIST TEACHER."**					11,301 33
" on acct. **"OUR LITTLE ONES."**					3,750 91
" on **NEW BUILDING FUND** acct.					
" for Services and Expenses of Rev. Wm. Shadrach, D.D.					997 39
" " Cash Purchases, Grants and Expenses by Branch Depository, New York				18,895 44	
" " " " Supplies to Colporteurs, Grants and Expenses by Branch Depository, Chicago				35,821 82	
" " " " Supplies to Colporteurs, Grants and Expenses by Branch Depository, St. Louis				25,701 67	
" " " " and Expenses by Branch Depository, Boston				27,214 32	107,633 25
					344,066 46
Cash Balance of Fund for New Building, in Treasury March 1st, 1874				15,539 28	
Cash Balance in Treasury March 1st, 1874				1,090 36	16,629 64
					$360,696 10

Having examined the above Statement, we find the same to be correct and report the Balance in Treasury of the Business Department March 1st, 1874, as Sixteen Thousand and six hundred twenty-nine dollars and sixty-four cents. ($16,629 64).

GEORGE CALLAGHAN, }
THOMAS J. HOSKINSON, } *Auditors.*

STATEMENT

Showing the Total Receipts and Disbursements in the Benevolent Department, for the Year ending March 1st, 1874.

DR.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance in Treasury, March 1st, 1873		$340.27
Received from Churches and Individuals for Missionary Colportage, Sunday-school, and Bible-work in the West and among the Freedmen	$47,620.77	
" from Profits on Sales made by Colporteurs	3,669.18	
" from Colporteurs, the balance due by them on Sales, March 1st, 1873	145.29	
" from Business Department for Colportage, one year's interest to March 1st, 1874, on Legacy of Jonathan Davis	150.00	
" from Business Department for Colportage, one year's interest to March 1st, 1874, on Legacy of Theron Fish	150.00	
" on Samuel Patton Colporteur Fund one year's interest to January 1st, 1874	140.00	
" on Richard Fletcher Colporteur Fund one year's interest to March 1st, 1874	330.00	
		52,205.24
" in Donations, to supply the destitute with Books, Tracts, and other reading matter	500.00	
" from Business Department, one year's interest, to March 1st, 1874, on Ten Thousand Dollar Fund	600.00	
		1,100.00
" in Donations to supply destitute Sunday-schools with Libraries	1,323.45	
" from Business Department one year's interest on Legacy of Jonathan Davis	11.00	
" on John P. Crozer's Sunday-school Library Fund, one year's interest to January 1st, 1874	600.00	
		1,934.45
" on John P. Crozer's Ministers' Library Fund, one year's interest to January 1st, 1874	641.06	
" from Business Department, one year's interest on Eight Hundred and Forty-three Dollars	50.58	
		691.64
" on John P. Crozer's Memorial Fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars, one year's interest to January 1st, 1874		3,123.18
" on William Jacobs' Permanent Church Fund, one year's interest to March 1st, 1874, for the benefit of destitute Churches		60.00
" from Sunday-schools, Churches, and Individuals, for Bible and Sunday-school work in Rome, Italy		11,385.37
" from E. A. Russell, Sunday-school Missionary, as advance payment of Note given by Bean, Peaden & Co		400.00
		$71,240.15

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PAYMENTS.

Payments on account of Sunday-school Missions, work among the Freedmen, Colportage, Missionary Agency, and in donations of Bibles and Testaments to Churches, Sunday-schools, and Individuals, made from the "Rooms," and through Colporteurs		43,915.78	
" for Grants of Books, Tracts, and Cards, through Colporteurs		1,982.83	
" for Packing Boxes, Cooperage, &c., on Books sent to Colporteurs		125.10	
" for Advertising Benevolent Receipts		256.70	
" for Printing and Binding 49th Annual Report		309.95	
" for Travelling Expenses of Secretary		59.15	
" for Salaries of Bible Readers		395.00	
" for Freight on Bibles and Postage on Life Member Certificates		25.01	
" for Printing Life Member Certificates, and Copying Letters soliciting Donations		65.44	
" for Rent of Safe in Vaults of "Fidelity Insurance Trust and Safe Deposit Co."		30.00	
" for Custom House Duties and Freights on Italian Testaments		39.18	
" for Taxes on Modisette Property in Missouri		11.35	
			47,215.49
" as a Loan to Colporteurs, being balance due by them March 1st, 1874			75.80
" for Publishing of Tracts in Spanish Language		500.00	
" for Grants of Books, Tracts, and other Reading matter, to Freedmen, Ministers, and others		1,429.16	
			1,929.16
" for Grants of Libraries and Papers to destitute Schools			1,836.92
" for Grants of Libraries to Needy Baptist Ministers			604.90
" for Grants to Freedmen on account of interest received on John P. Crozer Memorial Fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars			1,439.82
" for Grants of Books, &c., to destitute Churches			3.15
" for Bible and Sunday-school work in Rome, Italy, per Rev. W. C. Van Meter			14,509.70
Amount due Business Department, March 1st, 1873	$28,020.63		
" due Business Department, March 1st, 1874	23,852.35		
Paid on indebtedness to Business Department, since March 1st, 1873		$4,168.28	
Stock in hands of Colporteurs, March 1st, 1873	$11,423.83		
" hands of Colporteurs, March 1st, 1874	10,619.00		
Net decrease in Stock by purchase, to March 1st, 1874		804.83	
Net decrease in Indebtedness to Business Department during the year			3,363.45
			70,879.93
Cash Balance in Treasury, March 1st, 1874			261.76
			$71,240.15

Having examined the above account we find the same to be correct, and report the balance in the Treasury of the Benevolent Department, March 1st, 1874, as being Two hundred sixty-one dollars and seventy-six cents.

GEORGE CALLAGHAN, }
THOMAS J. HOSKINSON, } *Auditors.*

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE BOSTON BRANCH OF THE BIBLE AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

GEORGE H. SPRINGER, Depositary.

DR. *Receipts.*	
Cash Balance, March 1, 1873	118.47
For sales of Merchandise	27,109.80
" Young Reaper	5,648.48
" Baptist Teacher	3,924.39
" Our Little Ones	1,037.45
	$37,838.59

CR. *Disbursements.*		
By Amount remitted to Philada. House	$10,505.80	
" Sundry accounts due Branch	3,723.27	$14,229.07
" Amount for Sundry Publications. Cash and Merchandise		16,644.46
For Freight, Cartage, and Express	269.64	
" Rent and Water	2,523.72	
" Salaries	3,008.07	
" Advertising	244.30	
" Store Repairs and Fixtures	149.42	
" Postage and Insurance	239.91	
" Paper and Twine	88.30	
" Ice and Street Sprinkling	25.00	
" Printing and Sundries	90.31	
" Gas	164.50	
" Taxes	51.20	
		6,854.37
		$37,727.90
Cash Balance		110.69
		$37,838.59

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NEW YORK BRANCH OF THE BIBLE AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

GEO. M. VANDERLIP, Depositary.

DR.	*Receipts.*		
To Balance of Cash on hand, March 1, 1873..			$371.69
" Sales of Merchandise		$20,805.95	
" " Young Reaper		3,665.73	
" " Baptist Teacher		1,939.98	
" " Our Little Ones		633.60	
" " Baptist Quarterly		18.00	
			27,063.26
			$27,434.95

CR.	*Disbursements.*		
By Cash Paid Parent Society			$8,167.82
" " Miscellaneous Merchandise			10,425.26
" Expense Account Rent		$2,375.00	
" " " Refitting Sales-Room		859.83	
" " " Insurance		21.38	
" " Sundries		565.84	
			3,822.05
" Freight		394.42	
" Postage		224.60	
" Advertising		491.63	
" Collections		14.70	
" Printing		167.50	
" Salaries		3,192.68	
			4,485.53
Balance of Cash			534.29
			$27,434.95

The undersigned have examined the books of the New York Branch of the Bible and Publication Society, and compared the accounts with the vouchers, and find them correct, showing balance of cash on hand Five hundred and thirty-four dollars and twenty-nine cents.

JAMES H. MERCHANT, } *Auditors.*
JNO. A. HALL,

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE CHICAGO BRANCH OF THE BIBLE AND PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

DR. C. R. BLACKALL, Depositary.

DR. *Receipts.*		
Cash on hand March 1, 1873		$168.51
For Expense Fitting up New Store		1,874.00
" Merchandise	$31,173.37	
" Young Reaper	6,520.69	
" Baptist Teacher	2,010.92	
" Our Little Ones	984.32	
" Baptist Quarterly	42.00	
" National Baptist	30.00	
		40,761.30
		42,803.81

CR. *Disbursements.*		
For Moving and Fitting up Store	$2,047.64	
" Insurance	150.00	
" Rent	1,672.20	
" Freights	567.51	
" Advertising	1,028.81	
" Printing	105.51	
" Stamps and Exchange	575.14	
" Wrapping Paper and Twine	89.93	
" Fuel and Gas	138.80	
" Incidentals	207.83	
" Salaries	4,352.41	
		10,935.78
" Merchandise to Parent House		13,644.57
" For Baptist Quarterly and Nat. Baptist		72.00
Merchandise from other Houses		18,053.54
Cash on hand, March 1st, 1874		97.92
		$42,803.81

We, the undersigned, have examined the above Statement, and find the same correct, as shown by the Books and Accounts of the Chicago Branch.

I. N. HOBART,
J. O. BRAYMAN, } Auditors.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE ST. LOUIS BRANCH OF THE BIBLE & PUBLICATION SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

G. J. JOHNSON, Depositary.

DR. *Receipts.*		
To Balance on hand, March 1, 1873		$165.52
" Additional Capital Stock Contributed		500.00
" Merchandise Sales	$32,193,63	
" Young Reaper	2,265.03	
" Baptist Teacher	732.50	
" Our Little Ones	284.04	
		35,475.20
		$36,140.72

CR. *Disbursements.*		
By Cash Payments for Merchandise from Parent House	$11,282.87	
By Payments for Young Reaper	3,266.06	
" " " Baptist Teacher	1,037.69	
" " " Our Little Ones	312.13	
		$15,898.75
" " " Sundry Creditors	1,053.23	
" " " Miscellaneous Mdse	12,470.23	
		13,523.46
" Expense Rent of Store	1,000.20	
" " Freights and Expressage	626.81	
" " Printing and Advertising	763.45	
" " Postage Stamps	155.00	
" " Salary Agts, Bkprs, Clerks	3,727.00	
" " Gas and Fuel	75.65	
" " Store Repairs	50.00	
" " Taxes and Insurance	159.40	
" " Incidentals	83.60	
		6,641.11
Cash Balance on hand		77.40
		$36,140.72

The Undersigned having examined the above Account, find the same to be correct, as showing the transactions of the House for the Year.

M. M. MANNING,
A. S. TEASDALE, } Auditors.
B. F. BARRY,

SPECIAL STATEMENT

OF THE

CROZER MEMORIAL FUND,

For the Year ending March 1, 1874.

Part No. 1.

"For Granting Libraries to Colored Sunday-Schools."

Dr.			*Cr.*		
1874.			1874.		
March 1.	To Grants made	$112.80	March 1.	By Interest received	$683.19
" "	To Balance	570.39			
		$683.19			$683.19
			March 1.	By Balance	$570.39

Part No. 2.

"For the Support of Sunday-school Missions among the Colored People."

1874.			1873.		
March 1.	To Paym'ts to Miss'naries.	$687.15	March 1.	By Balance	$264.23
			1874.		
" "	To Balance	260.28	March 1.	By Interest received	$683.20
		$947.43			$947.43
			March 1.	By Balance	$260.28

Part No. 3.

"For Granting Libraries to Colored Ministers."

1874.			1874.		
March 1.	To Grants made	$263.62	March 1.	By Interest received	$683.20
" "	To Balance	419.58			
		$683.20			$683.20
			March 1.	By Balance	$419.58

Part No. 4.

"In Aiding Colored Students for the Ministry."

1874.			1874.		
March 1.	To Grants made	$376.25	March 1.	By Interest received	$683.19
" "	To Balance	306.94			
		$683.19			$683.19
			March 1.	By Balance	$306.94

Part No. 5.

"For all the above purposes, irrespective of Denominations."

March 1.	To amount carried down.	$390.40	March 1.	By Interest received	$390.40
		$390.40			$390.40
			March 1.	By amount unexpended	$390.40

SUMMARY.

Surplus in Part No. 1	$570.39
" " " " 2	260.28
" " " " 3	419.58
" " " " 4	306.94
" " " " 5	390.40
Total amount carried to new year for Sunday-School Mission work among the colored people	$1,947.59